



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5541***

LCO No. 2413



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of number 460 of the special acts of 1935 is  
2 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 At the annual meeting of the Thompsonville Fire and Sewer District  
4 in June, 1935, three electors of said district shall be chosen by ballot as  
5 a board of fire commissioners. One of said commissioners shall be  
6 chosen to serve until February, 1936, one until February , 1937, and one  
7 until February, 1938, and, at each subsequent annual meeting of said  
8 district to be held as hereinafter provided, one member of said board  
9 shall be elected who shall serve for a term of three years and until his  
10 successor shall be elected. At the annual meeting in May, 2014, two  
11 electors of said district shall be chosen by ballot as additional  
12 commissioners. Said additional commissioners shall be chosen to serve  
13 terms beginning in July, 2014, and continuing until May, 2017, and  
14 thereafter shall be elected to serve for terms of three years and until  
15 their successors shall be elected. At said annual meeting and annually  
16 thereafter, there shall be elected two auditors for said district who shall

17 audit the records of the tax collector and treasurer of said district and  
18 report to the succeeding annual district meeting.

19 Sec. 2. Section 4 of number 460 of the special acts of 1935, as  
20 amended by number 161 of the special acts of 1937, number 481 of the  
21 special acts of 1953 and section 1 of special act 09-5, is amended to read  
22 as follows (*Effective from passage*):

23 (a) The annual district meeting of The Thompsonville Fire District  
24 shall be held on the second or third Thursday of May of each year  
25 beginning May, 1954, and notices of such annual meetings and any  
26 special meetings which may be called shall be made in the manner  
27 prescribed for town meetings. The said Thompsonville Fire District is  
28 created a body politic and corporate by the name of The  
29 Thompsonville Fire District, and through said board of fire  
30 commissioners shall have perpetual succession and shall be a person in  
31 law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded,  
32 purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate requisite  
33 for the purposes of maintaining a department and for the protection of  
34 property within said district from fire and making appropriations for  
35 the same, and may, at regular meetings, lay taxes upon ratable estate  
36 within the limits of said district for the purposes and objects  
37 authorized by [this act] number 460 of the special acts of 1935, as  
38 amended by number 161 of the special acts of 1937, [and] number 481  
39 of the special acts of [1937] 1953, special act 09-5 and this section.

40 (b) Said board of fire commissioners shall submit any proposed  
41 annual budget of the district that proposes an increase of more than  
42 three per cent over the prior year's budget to the electors of the district,  
43 for approval by referendum at the annual district meeting. If the  
44 electors reject the proposed budget, the commissioners shall submit a  
45 revised budget to the electors and call a special meeting for the  
46 purpose of holding another referendum on the proposed budget, to  
47 take place not more than two weeks after the annual meeting date. The  
48 commissioners shall continue to call such special meetings for the

49 purpose of holding referenda on the proposed budget until the electors  
50 have approved a budget. In the event the electors have not approved a  
51 budget, the district shall operate under the most recently approved  
52 budget.

53 [(b)] (c) The following shall be electors of the district: (1) Any person  
54 residing within the limits of the district and qualified to vote in the  
55 affairs of the town of Enfield; and (2) any citizen of the United States of  
56 the age of eighteen, or more, who is liable to the district for taxes  
57 assessed against such citizen. Electors may vote on any matter or  
58 question at an annual or special meeting of the district. Electors may  
59 vote for commissioners from eight o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.  
60 on the day of an annual or special meeting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Number 460 of the special acts of 1935, Sec. 1
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Number 460 of the special acts of 1935, Sec. 4

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase the number of commissioners of the Thompsonville Fire District from three to five, to require the commissioners to submit the annual budget for the district to electors at an annual meeting, to specify a process regarding the approval of the budget and to allow electors to vote for commissioners from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on annual and special meeting days.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*